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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-second session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 1 to 19 March 1993. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 1 March 1993, at 10.30 a.m.

2. This document contains the provisional agenda for the forty-second session of the Committee, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, together with annotations relating thereto.

3. The attention of States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, which contain the tentative timetable for consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.

4. In accordance with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the States parties are invited to be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session:

   (a) Annual report submitted by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention (General Assembly resolution 47/79);

   (b) Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (General Assembly resolution 47/111).

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention.

4. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention.

5. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention.

6. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention.

7. Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

8. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference of Human Rights.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. Under rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and, as appropriate, may add, defer or delete items.

2. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session

(a) Annual report submitted by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention (General Assembly resolution 47/79)

Following a request made by the Committee at its seventh session, in 1973, this item is included yearly in the Committee's provisional agenda.

Pursuant to article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the annual report of the Committee, covering its activities during the forty-first session, was submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session. The report was considered by the Third Committee jointly with a number of other items, at its 3rd to 10th, 13th, 16th, 20th, 25th and 30th meetings, on 5, 7 to 9, 14, 21, 23 and 28 October and 2 and 5 November 1992. The views expressed by the representatives of Member States on the report are reflected in the summary records of those meetings (A/C.3/47/SR.3-10, 13, 16, 20, 25 and 30).

On 16 December 1992, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/79, entitled "Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination", in which, inter alia, it commended the Committee for its work with regard to the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination; and welcomed the innovatory procedures adopted by the Committee for reviewing the implementation of the Convention in States whose reports were overdue and for formulating concluding observations on State party reports.

(b) Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (General Assembly resolution 47/111)

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly considered this item, which included, in particular, the report of the fourth meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies and the amendments to the funding provisions of the Convention adopted by the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties, on 15 January 1992. The item was considered by the Third Committee jointly with a number of other items, at its 40th, 42nd to 45th, 48th, 49th and 52nd meetings, on 16 to 20, 24 and 25 November and 1 December 1992. The views expressed by the representatives of Member States on the report are reflected in the summary records of those meetings (A/C.3/47/SR.40, 42-45, 48, 49 and 52).

On 16 December 1992, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/111, entitled "Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights", by which, inter alia, it endorsed the amendments to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and requested the Secretary-General to take the appropriate measures to provide for the financing of the committees established under those conventions from the regular budget of the United Nations, beginning with the budget for the biennium 1994-1995, and to take the necessary measures to ensure that the two committees met as scheduled until the amendments entered into force.

Accordingly, for its consideration of item 5 (a) and (b) of the provisional agenda, the Committee will have before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting to the General Assembly the report of the fourth meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies, held at Geneva from 12 to 16 October 1992 (A/47/628);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/47/481);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the implications of full funding for the operation of all human rights treaty bodies (A/47/518);

(d) Reports of the Third Committee (A/47/658 and A/47/678/Add.1);

(e) Relevant summary records of the Third Committee (A/C.3/47/SR.3-10, 13, 16, 20, 25, 30, 40, 42-45, 48, 49 and 52);

(f) General Assembly resolutions 47/79 and 47/111.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention

At its forty-second session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the status of submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 9 of the Convention (CERD/C/242). As may be noted from part A of that document, reports received from 12 States parties are pending consideration by the Committee. Part B of the document contains information relating to overdue reports.

Under article 9, paragraph 2, of the Convention and pursuant to rule 67, paragraph 3, of its rules of procedure, the Committee may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of the reports and information received from States parties. At its forty-second session, the Committee will have before it a number of draft general recommendations.

4. Consideration of reports, comments and information submitted by States parties under article 9 of the Convention

The following timetable for consideration of reports submitted by States parties at the forty-second session has been drawn up by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman, taking into account the relevant decisions taken by the Committee at its forty-first session.

In pursuance of established practice and in conformity with rule 64 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee, as follows:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Tuesday, 2 March 1993	
Ukraine	Eleventh periodic report, due in 1990 (CERD/C/197/Add.5), and twelfth periodic report, due in 1992 (CERD/C/226/Add.3)
Wednesday, 3 March 1993	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Twelfth periodic report, due in 1992 (CERD/C/226/Add.4)
Thursday, 4 March 1993	
Algeria	Ninth and tenth periodic reports, due in 1989 and 1991 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/209/Add.4)
Friday, 5 March 1993	
Qatar	Eighth periodic report, due in 1991 (CERD/C/207/Add.1)
Monday, 8 March 1993	
Poland	Tenth, eleventh and twelfth periodic reports, due in 1988, 1990 and 1992 respectively, submitted in one document (CERD/C/226/Add.2)
Tuesday, 9 March 1993	
Republic of Korea	Seventh periodic report, due in 1992 (CERD/C/221/Add.1)

Wednesday, 10 March 1993

Ecuador	Eleventh periodic report, due in 1990 (CERD/C/197/Add.9), and twelfth periodic report, due in 1992 (CERD/C/226/Add.1)

Thursday, 11 March 1993

El Salvador */	Initial and second periodic reports, submitted in one document (CERD/C/86/Add.3) on 11 July 1983 and considered at the 659th meeting, in 1984 (CERD/C/SR.659)
Zambia */	Second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic reports, submitted in one document (CERD/C/106/Add.1) on 22 December 1982 and considered at the 634th and 635th meetings, in 1983 (CERD/C/SR.634-635)
Viet Nam */	Initial report (CERD/C/101/Add.5) submitted on 14 December 1983 and considered at the 677th and 678th meetings, in 1984 (CERD/C/SR.677-678)
Bolivia */	Fifth, sixth and seventh periodic reports (CERD/C/107/Add.1 and Add.5) submitted on 27 June 1983 and considered at the 658th meeting, in 1984 (CERD/C/SR.658)
Iran (Islamic Republic of) */	Eighth periodic report (CERD/C/118/Add.12) submitted on 20 June 1984 and considered at the 709th and 710th meetings, in 1985 (CERD/C/SR.709-710)
Tunisia */	Eighth periodic report (CERD/C/118/Add.27) submitted on 30 April 1985 and considered at the 755th and 756th meetings, in 1986 (CERD/C/SR.755-756)
Guatemala */	Initial report (CERD/C/111/Add.2) submitted on 15 February 1984 and considered at the 686th and 687th meetings, in 1984 (CERD/C/SR.686-687)

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*/ At its forty-first session, the Committee decided to continue to review the implementation of the Convention in a number of States parties whose reports were excessively overdue on the basis of the last reports submitted by the country concerned and the consideration of those reports by the Committee (see A/47/18, para. 32).

Central African Republic */	Seventh periodic report (CERD/C/117/Add.5) submitted on 25 January 1985 and considered at the 751th and 752nd meetings, in 1986 (CERD/C/SR.751-752)

Friday, 12 March 1993

Mozambique */	Initial report (CERD/C/111/Add.1) submitted on 28 December 1983 and considered at the 681st meeting, in 1984 (CERD/C/SR.681)
Jamaica */	Fifth, sixth and seventh periodic reports, submitted in one document (CERD/C/117/Add.4) on 7 December 1984 and considered at the 741st and 742nd meetings, in 1985 (CERD/C/SR.741-742)
Afghanistan */	Initial report (CERD/C/111/Add.3) submitted on 20 July 1984 and considered at the 718th and 719th meetings, in 1985 (CERD/C/SR.838)
Chad */	Fourth periodic report (CERD/C/114/Add.2) submitted on 4 November 1986 and considered at the 838th meeting, in 1989 (CERD/C/SR.838)
Peru */	Seventh periodic report (CERD/C/117/Add.7) submitted on 15 July 1985 and considered at the 760th and 761st meetings, in 1986 (CERD/C/SR.760-761)
Trinidad and Tobago */	Sixth periodic report (CERD/C/116/Add.3) submitted on 7 January 1986 and considered at the 782th meeting, in 1987 (CERD/C/SR.782)
Cambodia */	Initial report (CERD/C/111/Add.4) submitted on 19 November 1985 and considered at the 780th and 802nd meetings, in 1987 (CERD/C/SR.780 and 802)

5. Consideration of communications under article 14 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVIII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under article 14 of the Convention.

In accordance with rule 88 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee during which communications under article 14 of the Convention are examined shall be closed.

6. Consideration of copies of petitions, copies of reports and other information relating to Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories and to all other territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies, in conformity with article 15 of the Convention

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General (CERD/C/243) concerning article 15 of the Convention and listing, as appropriate, copies of petitions, reports and working papers relating to the Trusteeship Council and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

7. Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

At its 695th meeting (thirtieth session) in August 1984, the Committee decided to keep this item on its agenda throughout the Second Decade and requested the Secretary-General to keep it informed of the relevant activities which would be undertaken in accordance with the Programme of Action for the Second Decade.

In its resolution 47/77 on the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, the General Assembly, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to prepare a draft programme of action for the third decade and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, and to revise and finalize the draft model legislation against racial discrimination in the light of comments made by the members of the Committee at its fortieth and forty-first sessions and to publish and distribute the text as soon as possible.

For its consideration of this item at its forty-second session, the Committee will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (A/47/432) and General Assembly resolution 47/77.

8. Preparatory activities relating to the World Conference on Human Rights

Under this item, the Committee will be briefed on the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference by the member who represented the Committee at that session. Additionally, the Committee may wish to consider further contributions to the preparatory process, in particular to the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee, which is scheduled to take place at Geneva in April 1993, and to the Conference itself, which is scheduled to take place in Vienna, Austria, in June 1993.

For its consideration of this item at its forty-second session, the Committee will have before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights, third session (A/CONF.157/PC/54);

(b) General Assembly resolution 47/122 on the World Conference on Human Rights;

(c) Report of the fourth meeting of persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies (A/47/628).